

<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>FY 2008</b> <i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>		Docket Number (Optional) <b>2866 (203-3509PCTUS)</b>	
Application Number <b>10/529,799</b>		Filed <b>March 30, 2005</b>	
For <b>SURGICAL STAPLER WITH UNIVERSAL ARTICULATION AND TISSUE...</b>			
Art Unit <b>3721</b>		Examiner <b>Michelle Lopez</b>	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$ <u>120.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$460	\$230	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1050	\$525	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1640	\$820	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2230	\$1115	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>21-0550</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.			
<b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>			
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.			
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>39,517</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.			
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____			
<u>Christopher G. Trainor</u> Signature		<u>July 7, 2008</u> Date	
<u>Christopher G. Trainor</u> Typed or printed name		<u>631-501-5700</u> Telephone Number	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of _____ forms are submitted.			

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted on the date below with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, via electronic submission.

Dated: July 7, 2008

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